

I have been using the third party Tomato firmware on all of my wireless routers for many years. This firmware was developed by many volunteers and it is significantly more powerful than the manufacturer provided firmware in addition to providing many more useful features. Forcing or encouraging manufacturers to lock the firmware will be a grave mistake and force power users to use mediocre and unsafe systems. I urge you to reconsider any regulatory restrictions on open source firmware as this will have a chilling effect on the development of secure, open source and powerful wireless router systems.